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Mr. Paul Devoti
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Mr. Devoti,

This letter is in response to your office action mailed 2/6/06 in reference to application 10/710014 (see attached). Paragraph one states that I must elect one single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. I elect species 3 specified in paragraph one to be "a spiral stair apparatus with a telescoping center pole."

Also required by paragraph one of the office action is a listing of all claims readable upon the elected species. Claims 8, 9, and 12 of the pending application read upon the elected species.

Sincerely,

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